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**THE RESEARCH OF THE STATUS OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION IN UKRAINE (BASED ON ASOCIOLOGICAL SURVEY)**

The article is about current status of copyright protection in Ukraine. It analyzes various problems that arise in copyright protection on the basis of the sociological survey and an analysis of legislation and scientific literature for the purpose of improving the fight against crimes in this area. In the article special attention pays on the question of fixing these problems and improving the condition of copyright protection.

The article is relevant because nowadays this topic isn’t studied enough and requires more detailed and thorough study.

Characteristics of copyright protection is really important because it reflects its particular qualities and problems that exist today in our country, in particular these include: outdated regulations, their inconsistency; problems of implementation the mechanism of the copyright protection on the Internet; legal nihilism among the public; illegal distribution of the authors’ works; the lack of effective and systematic ways of combat the copyright infringement on the Internet; minor penalties for copyright infringement.

Improvements of the legal regulation of this problem require reviewing and improving Ukrainian legislation on copyright and reviewing the ways of the implementation of copyright protection to identify the main problems and their solutions.